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Approximate Time
First Part 5 Minutes
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March 12, 1945

1. MUSIC: UP AND UNDER

2.	ANNOUNCER:	Radio Station presentsFOOD FRONT HEADLINESa
		behind - the - scene story of how our food moves from farms to
		battle linesfrom ships to Allied supply depotsfrom grocery
		shelves to civilian tables. One of the biggest problems in
		food distributionas well as food productionright now
		is how to get enough labor to keep supplies moving. Here in
		the studio today is of the War Food Administra-
		tionready to take us backstage of this phase of the American
		food drama.

- 3. DIST. REP: Solving this year's labor problems...calls for a lot of work,

  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Farmers all over the country are clamoring for

  some idea of what the 1945 situation will be...before they plant
  their crops. Many food dealers...processors...and distributors
  feel that any further drain on their labor supply is apt to put
  them out of business.
- 4. ANNOUNCER: And yet...nobody's going to argue about the fact that the armed forces need more men than ever before...
- 5. DIST. REP: Or that agriculture and the food industries should furnish their share of fighting men...as long as drafting of these men does not result in a critical food supply situation.
- 6. ANNOUNCER: The big problem comes when farmers and food handlers are asked to top last year's record food production...with an even smaller work force than they had in '44.

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- 7. DIST. REP: Perhaps the work force won't be too much smaller,

  Many of the complaints we receive from food processors and

  wholesalers are concerned less with the quantity of labor...

  than with the fact that new workers are inexperienced...and,

  therefore, less efficient.
- 8. ANNOUNCER: This means slower going...of course...but these new workers can be trained...can't they?
- 9. DIST. REP: That's the point. Work training programs are paying off as they've never paid off before. It's a wise meat processor... or vegetable canner...or cotton ginner...who trains new workers to step into the shoes of workers who are subject to the draft.
- 10. ANNOUNCER: In addition...provisions have been made for deferment of some of the most essential workers...haven't they?
- 11. DIST. REP: Yes. District Representatives of the War Food Administration...

  for instance...may recommend deferment of some essential workers

  under thirty years of age...in certain food industries...and

  may also request consideration in Washington of deferments for

  other essential workers.
- 12. ANNOUNCER: In other words...a food processor or handler...who has a labor problem...may take it to the War Food Administration.
- 13. DIST. REP: And we'll help him all we can...not only with labor problems...
  but also in securing needed equipment...machinery...and so on.
- 14. ANNOUNCER: But what about the <u>farmer?</u> His labor situation will continue to be extremely tight, too. Just what can he expect in the way of help, . ?

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- 15. DIST. REP: There's no question but that the drain on farm labor this year will be heavy. However, farmers can still rely on the Tydings amondment to prevent drafting of absolutely essential farm workers who cannot be replaced.
- 16. ANNOUNCER: Will farmers be able to got any help to take the place of the mon who are drafted?
- 17. DIST. REP: State and County Extension services...and the War Food

  Administration's Office of Labor...will be on the job again

  this year...recruiting labor in local communities...and from

  foreign countries...to help on farms. The War Department's

  will again make prisoners of war available to help...as far as

  possible.
- 18. ANNOUNCER: About 3 million foreign and migratory workers...and 50 to 75 thousand prisonors of war...were placed on farms under this program last year. Will that many be available for 1945?
- 19. DIST. REP: This year's goal is 4 million workers. The War Department estimate of prisoners to be furnished is the same...50 thousand for relatively long periods of employment...and up to 75,000 for short periods...such as in the harvost of perishable crops.

  Employment of foreign workers may increase about 10 percent...

  with 105,500 workers from Mexico...Jamaica...and Bahama expected to be available at the peak of the season. Transportation of migratory workers also will have to be increased.
- 20. ANNOUNCER: More city people will have to help too...and more women and young people...if the goal of 4 million workers is met.

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21. DIST. REP: Right...and everybody will have to do the very best job he can...

because we can't afford to let up in our production of food at

this critical point of the war.

NOTE TO DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE: THE FOLLOWING CUE NO. 22 WILL END YOUR PROGRAM IF YOUR TIME IS 5 MINUTES OR LESS. IF YOU HAVE MORE TIME... CUT CUE NO. 22 AND GO AHEAD WITH NO. 23.

22. ANNOUNCER: Gotting food produced...and moved from farms up to the front
line trenches this year...is certainly going to call for
cooperation all along the line. Thank you,
for pointing out the manpower problems that lie ahead...and
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24. DIST. REP: Chicken is in the limelight again! Probably the most important food news released this weok provides priority assistance to civilian hospitals who are unable to got enough chicken for their needs through normal channels.

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- 25. ANNOUNCER: It's easy to see how civilian hospitals might have difficulty in obtaining supplies...since all of our canned, boned poultry... and all of the live chicken in some of the largest producing areas of the country...is set aside for the armod forces.
- 26. DIST. REP: It's also easy to understand why civilian hospitals should have first call on the supplies of chicken that are available after war needs are filled...because chicken is one of the best foods for use in soft or liquid diets.
- 27. ANNOUNCER: Of course...hospitals should <u>not</u> ask for priorities if they can obtain enough chicken by other means. But if they can't... then what?
- 28. DIST. REP: In most shortago areas...some voluntary arrangement can probably be worked out between poultry dealers and hospitals. An effort to do this should be the first step.
- 29. ANNOUNCER: If that fails?
- 30. DIST. REP: Then the War Food Administration will issue priority certificates to eligible hospitals...who are unable to obtain each week a minimum of about 10 ounces of stowing and reasting chicken for each patient.
- 31. ANNOUNCER: I suppose the priority program will be worked out in cooperation with the poultry dealers and hospitals in individual areas.
- 32. DIST. REP: That's right. Hospital reprosentatives and members of the poultry trade will be requested to work with the War Food Administration in the issuance of Food Priority Certificatos.

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- 33. ANNOUNCER: This probably means priority orders are to be allocated to the dealers who normally sell chicken to hospitals...so each dealer will get his fair share of the business.
- 34. DIST. REP: That's the idea.
- 35. ANNOUNCER: What effect will all this have on the supply of chicken for the armed forces?
- 36. DIST. REP: Priorities cannot be applied against poultry that has been set aside for delivery to the armed forces. In fact...no priority certificates will be issued in areas like the 16-county section in Arkansas...Missouri...and Oklahoma...where live poultry is required to be set aside for war needs.
- 37. ANNOUNCER: Then how will hospitals in these live poultry set-aside areas obtain chicken?
- 38. DIST. REP: They may apply for relief to the Administrator of the set-aside order.
- 39. ANNOUNCER: In other words...chicken is for fighters first...and sick civilians next! If civilian hospitals find they cannot obtain chicken for their patients through normal channels...they may apply for priority purchase ratings. But these priority ratings are to be used only in emergency cases...and will not interfere with supplies of chicken set aside for the armed forces. Army hospitals...of course, will secure their supplies through regular Army purchases of set-aside chicken. Thank you, \_\_\_\_\_...

  for bringing us the latest information on the chicken situation.

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